

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, please replace the first full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

In Fig. 2, a portion of a cross-connect 12 is schematically shown. The cross-connect 12 comprises a circuit switched (CS) matrix 31 constituted by two redundant matrices 33, 35. The CS matrix 31 is for example part of the optical data unit 2 matrix (ODU 2 matrix).

Page 11, please replace the second full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The CS matrix 31 is supplied with data signals by a number of input/output modules (I/O modules), two of which 37, 39 are shown. Each I/O module 37, 39 comprises a plurality of inputs 41 which are connected with input circuits 43. The input circuits 43 process the received data signals in a certain manner and supply the signals to an input switch (IS) matrix 45. Each IS matrix 45 has a plurality of output ports, two of which are shown in Fig. 2 as connected with the CS matrix 31.